

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended, dependent claims are as in the originally filed application.

**Claims:**

1. (twice amended) A topical water-in-oil pharmaceutical cream, composition for the treatment of inflammation comprising:
  - a) 0.01 to 0.25 percent Mometasone Furoate;
  - b) 10 to 30 percent propylene glycol;
  - c) 1.0 to 5 percent water;
  - d) 2.0 to 10.0 percent white wax;
  - e) 4.0 to 12.0 percent of a lipophilic surfactant having an HLB value of less than 6;
  - f) 0.7 to 4.0 percent of a hydrophilic surfactant having an HLB value of less than 10;
  - g) 0.2 to 2.0 percent Titanium dioxide;
  - h) 5.0 to 20.0 percent aluminum starch octenylsuccinate;
  - i) 40 to 70 percent white petrolatum; and
  - j) sufficient acid to adjust the pH of the water wherein said composition has a viscosity of about 400,000 to about 900,000 centipoise.
2. (original) The topical pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the lipophilic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol stearate, ethylene glycol monolaurate, ethylene glycol monostearate, propylene glycol monolaurate and glyceryl monoricinolate.
3. (original) The topical pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the hydrophilic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of stearyl alcohol and

ceteareth-20, polyethylene glycol monolaurate, polyethylene glycol distearate, polyoxyethylene cetyl alcohol, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate and polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate.

4. (original) The topical pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the acid utilized to adjust the pH of the water is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, hydrochloric acid, and acetic acid.

5. (Currently amended) A topical water-in-oil pharmaceutical cream composition for the treatment of inflammation comprising:

- a) 0.10 percent Mometasone Furoate;
- b) 22.50 percent propylene glycol;
- c) 2.59 percent water;
- d) 3 percent white wax;
- e) 6 percent of propylene glycol stearate;
- f) 1.35 percent of ceteareth-20;
- g) 2.0 percent Titanium dioxide;
- h) 10 percent aluminum starch octenylsuccinate;
- i) 51.8 percent white petrolatum; and
- j) sufficient phosphoric acid to adjust the pH of the water to wherein said composition has a viscosity of about 650,000 to about 825,000 centipoise.